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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/29/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-10,12-17 and 19-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 and 19-22 are allowed.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Elaine Chi on 11/04/2010.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering of a plurality of RDMA messages, the method comprising the steps of:
placing each out-of-order RDMA message to a reassembly buffer, wherein each in-order RDMA message bypasses the reassembly buffer and is sent to an internal data buffer for direct placement to a destination buffer;
storing information regarding each out-of-order RDMA message on a per TCP hole basis, wherein a TCP hole is a vacancy created in a TCP stream as a result of an out-of-order TCP segment, wherein the information stored for RDMA Read messages includes at least a number of pending RDMA Read Request messages waiting for a

doorbell ring in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis or a number of completed RDMA Read Response messages on a per TCP hole basis; and
delivering the plurality of RDMA messages in-order, such that the out-of-order RDMA messages are reassembled in-order in the reassembly buffer, wherein, for RDMA Send type messages, the delivering includes, for each RDMA Send message of a TCP ~~hole~~ hole, placing a completion queue element (COE), the COE including RDMA Send message specific information, in a work queue element (WQE) associated with the respective RDMA Send message and keeping a number of RDMA Send messages in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for delivering of a plurality of RDMA messages, the system comprising: a processor; and a memory, further comprising:
a system for placing each out-of-order RDMA message to a reassembly buffer, wherein each in-order RDMA message bypasses the reassembly buffer and is sent to an internal data buffer for direct placement to a destination buffer;
a system for storing information regarding each out-of-order RDMA message on a per TCP hole basis, wherein a TCP hole is a vacancy created in a TCP stream as a result of an out-of-order TCP segment, wherein the information stored for RDMA Read messages includes at least a number of pending RDMA Read Request messages waiting for a doorbell ring in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis or a number of completed RDMA Read Response messages on a per TCP hole basis; and

a system for delivering the plurality of RDMA messages in-order, such that the out-of-order RDMA messages are reassembled in-order in the reassembly buffer, wherein, for RDMA Send type messages, the delivering includes, for each RDMA Send message of a TCP ~~hole~~ hole, placing a completion queue element (CQE), the CQE including RDMA Send message specific information, in a work queue element (WQE) associated with the respective RDMA Send message and keeping a number of RDMA Send messages in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a tangible computer useable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for delivering of a plurality of RDMA messages, the program product comprising:
program code configured to place each out-of-order RDMA message to a reassembly buffer, wherein each in-order RDMA message bypasses the reassembly buffer and is sent to an internal data buffer for direct placement to a destination buffer;
program code configured to store information regarding each out-of-order RDMA message on a per TCP hole basis, wherein a TCP hole is a vacancy created in a TCP stream as a result of an out-of-order TCP segment, wherein the information stored for RDMA Read messages includes at least a number of pending RDMA Read Request messages waiting for a doorbell ring in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis or a number of completed RDMA Read Response messages on a per TCP hole basis; and
program code configured to deliver the plurality of RDMA messages in-order, such that the out-of-order RDMA messages are reassembled in-order in the reassembly buffer,

wherein, for RDMA Send type messages, the delivering includes, for each RDMA Send message of a TCP ~~hole~~ hole, placing a completion queue element (CQE), the CQE including RDMA Send message specific information, in a work queue element (WQE) associated with the respective RDMA Send message and keeping a number of RDMA Send messages in a connection context on a per TCP hole basis.

Conclusion

Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular paragraphs / columns and line numbers in the reference(s) applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the cited passages as taught by the prior art or relied upon by the examiner.

Should applicant amend the claims of the claimed invention, it is respectfully requested that applicant clearly indicate the portion(s) of applicant's specification that support the amended claim language for ascertaining the metes and bounds of applicant's claimed invention

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIAM J. GOODCHILD whose telephone number is (571)270-1589. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday / 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571) 272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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